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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action<sup>1</sup> mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 14, 2004. Please cancel claims 73-80 and amend the claims as indicated below.

1. Although said Office Action had been initially marked as "FINAL" on Form PTOL-326, the Examiner indicated in a telephone interview on July 23, 2004 that she had not intended to make the Office Action final, and that she would have the status changed to non-final. Applicant considered the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed from the PTO on August 11, 2004 to be a complete record of the July 23, 2004 interview, and therefore did not file a separate Interview Summary Record.